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IN RE APPLICATION OF:	)
Bergmann, F.	) EXAMINER: Janet L. Epps-Ford
SERIAL NO.: 10/729,570	) ART UNIT: 1633
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RESPONSE TO A FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2008, Applicants submit the following response. The response is accompanied by a declaration of the inventor in support of patentability. The deadline to respond to the final office action and receive an advisory action is February 11, 2009.

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